

SPY-CASE OFFICER IN SWEDISH COURT

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STOCKHOLM, June 23 — Col.

Stig Wennerstrom, 56 years old, a retired Swedish Air Force officer who faces life imprisonment on charges of being a Soviet spy since 1948, appeared in Stockholm City Court today.

The colonel, who had served since his retirement in 1961 as a Foreign Ministry specialist on disarmament, was in court to hear the public prosecutor ask permission to continue to hold him in jail during the pre-trial investigation. The request, a routine matter, was granted.

The prosecutor presented evidence to support the charges that the colonel, who was arrested June 20, had given the Russians military data about Sweden and "other countries." These are understood to be members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, among them the United States.

Late today the Foreign Ministry announced that the two Soviet diplomats who had figured in the spy case had left Sweden on a Soviet freighter.

Maj. Gen. Vitali A. Nikolov, the Soviet Army, Navy and Air Force Attache here, and Georgi P. Baranovsky, a First Secretary of the Embassy, had been declared persona non grata last Tuesday.

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